

Action Requested

Review and recommend approval to the full Board the application from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to modify its local workforce investment area boundaries to include the cities of Lomita and Torrance.

Background

On October 23, 2014, the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) received the signed copy of the application from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) for local area modification. The application is in response to requests made by the Cities of Torrance and Lomita to join the South Bay Workforce Investment Area (SBWIA). The Cities of Torrance and Lomita are currently part of the Pacific Gateway Local Workforce Investment Area.

City Councils of Torrance and Lomita, as well as the Board of Directors of the SBWIB, voted unanimously in support of the transfer to unify South Bay as a well-defined economic sub-region of Los Angeles County.

The application was referred to the Employment Development Department (EDD) for review and analysis. Their recommendation is to approve the application. State Board staff agrees with EDD's analysis and support the recommendation.

Policy Criteria

Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides the Governor with the authority and the responsibility to designate Local Workforce Investment Areas (local area). These responsibilities are also codified in the California Unemployment Insurance Code. South Bay's application is consistent with the California Workforce Investment Board's (State Board) policy for requesting a local area modification as contained in Directive WIAD05-02.

Next Steps

Upon recommendation by the full Board and approval by the Governor, this modification will be effective July 1, 2015. During this transition period, the EDD will take the administrative actions to effect this local area modification. This will include such things as revision of federal formula funding allocations, transfer of affected participants and records, physical assets and other related administrative and programmatic functions.